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## Marines begin joint effort in Bangladesh

**Sgt. Megan Angel**

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CHITTAGONG, Bangladesh — Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 arrived here Sept. 7 to conduct an engineering civil action project exercise with elements of the Bangladesh Armed Forces, in coordination with the Government of Bangladesh.

The Marines of Engineer Operations Company, MWSS-172, Marine Wing Support Group 17, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, will be helping to expand the second floor of a school. The construction at the school is part of the Bangladesh Interoperability Pro-

gram 11, an exercise that demonstrates the history of cooperation between the U.S. and Bangladesh and the interoperability of the nations' militaries.

Two weeks after Cyclone Marian struck the Chittagong district of southeastern Bangladesh April 19, 1991, the U.S. organized a contingency-joint task force, commanded by Marine Lt. Gen. Henry Stackpole, to spearhead humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts to the devastated areas. The operation was named Sea Angel.

In May, preparatory work on the school was completed as part of the 20th see **BANGLADESH** pg 5



Marines with Engineer Operations Company, Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and soldiers with the Bangladesh Armed Forces unload bricks from a truck Sept. 10 in Chittagong, Bangladesh. Photo by Sgt. Megan Angel

## III MEF leaders discuss priorities

**Lance Cpl. Michael Iams and Pfc. Mike Granahan**

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CAMP FOSTER — III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Bases Japan senior leaders held a two-day commanders' conference at the Butler Officers' Club on Plaza Housing Sept. 8-9.

The conference's goal was to provide III



Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., III Marine Expeditionary Force commanding general and Marine Corps Bases Japan commander, spoke at the Butler Officers' Club Sept. 8 about III MEF's involvement in the Asia-Pacific region and plans and programs to enhance readiness. Photo by Pfc. Mike Granahan

MEF/MCBJ leadership with information about military involvement in the Asia-Pacific region, as well as a forum to discuss and develop programs and plans to ensure the safety and readiness of Marines and sailors on Okinawa.

The conference began with Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., III Marine Expeditionary Force commanding general and Marine Corps Bases Japan commander, speaking about III MEF's contributions to the U.S.-Japan alliance and providing guidance for the road ahead.

During Operation Tomadachi, III MEF proved that when a crisis situation strikes, Marines respond quickly and are ready to get the job done, Glueck told the gathered leaders.

Operation Tomadachi, the U.S. humanitarian and disaster relief response to the massive earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster that rocked mainland Japan March 11, demonstrated the value of III MEF's unique capability and strategic location, he said.

"When we did (Operation) Tomadachi, we all had to get out of our comfort zones," he said.

"The crisis on mainland was a complex crisis: an earthquake, tsunami and a nuclear see **CONFERENCE** pg 5

## Cultural awareness training educates service members

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CAMP FOSTER — Bushido, meaning 'Way of the Warrior,' was a strict lifestyle developed between the 11th and 14th centuries in Japan. This code of conduct for Japanese warriors, specifically the samurai, included applying the virtues of loyalty, courage, humility, forbearance, generosity and self-control. In the pursuit of these moral principles, samurai maintained their dignity and honor, which was considered to be as much their duty as protecting their shogun, or political leader.

To ensure Marines and sailors assigned to Marine Corps Bases Japan and III Marine Expeditionary Force are also held to the highest standards of conduct before partaking in liberty on Okinawa, Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck, III MEF commanding general and MCBJ commander, signed into effect MCBJ/III MEF Order see **OCAT** pg 5

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CLB-31 uses medical assets to evacuate mock casualties in preparation for deployment.

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Masses gather to commemorate those who lost their lives and those who fought and are still fighting the War on Terror ignited by the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

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# Work together to prevent

Charity Kohkemper

**W**hy do people die by suicide? How do we prevent suicide? These are just two questions at the center of the battle against suicide and the goal of suicide prevention. To answer the question of prevention, we must first try to answer and understand why people die by suicide.

Recent studies have identified potential factors or traits that can help identify those persons that may be at risk of suicide. Recognizing some of these factors in another allows us, as friends and colleagues, to effectively intervene, potentially prevent suicide, and help save a life.

## **Failure to belong**

This idea, in the mind of an individual, indicates feelings of isolation, loneliness and meaninglessness.

Living in Okinawa, away from family, friends and the familiar can sometimes increase feelings of homesickness, which can then turn into feelings of isolation. As a community, we can help discourage these feelings/perceptions in our family, friends, coworkers and neighbors. Taking time to welcome an incoming Marine or new neighbor, making a personal connection, allows them to feel more connected with their new unit, neighborhood and community. Becoming a meaningful, connected member of the community here on Okinawa can help establish protective factors to decrease the risk of suicide.

## **Perceived burden to others**

This potentially fatal misconception is the belief of the individual that their death is worth more than their life to their family, friends, unit, etc.

We can help discourage these beliefs by supporting one another and remembering the importance and value

of everyone's contribution to our overall mission here on Okinawa. Every Marine, every civilian worker, every family member is a vital member of our community and should be recognized as such. By being reminded of the invaluable role we all play within our families, units and communities, perceptions of being a burden can be prevented.

While we dedicate a day, a week, a month to suicide prevention, it is an effort we must actively engage in year round.

Okinawa is a unique place to live and serve. We reside in a small community that allows us to develop close bonds with fellow service members, family members and co-workers.

Take time this September to reflect upon those you work with and live near. How can you help them during their time here on Okinawa? Can you take a few moments to help them feel like a valuable member of our community?

Recognizing risk factors in others and helping them seek additional support and assistance can make a substantial difference.

If you know someone in distress remember to R.A.C.E.: Recognize the signs of distress, Ask the individual if they are thinking about suicide, Care about the individual and what they are feeling and Escort them to the appropriate resource for help – never leave an individual in distress alone.

We can all participate in suicide prevention. Paying attention and caring for others is the beginning.

For additional information or training on suicide prevention, call the Counseling and Advocacy Program at 645-2915.

*Kohkemper is a prevention specialist with the MCCS Counseling and Advocacy Program.*



## AROUND THE CORPS



Maj. Kenneth C. Gawronski, the commanding officer of Marine Corps Recruiting Station Twin Cities, Minn., salutes during the playing of the National Anthem, part of a pre-game ceremony in commemoration of the original 1967 Twins Platoon at Target Field Sept. 5. Twenty-four local men and women were sworn into the U.S. Marine Corps as the "Twins Platoon" in commemoration of the group of 150 who swore in June 28, 1967. Photo by Cpl. Jeffrey Cordero



A C-130 transport aircraft drops container delivery systems containing water at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 9. Marines with the Landing Support Detachment of Combat Logistics Battalion 11, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, conducted a live air delivery in support of a humanitarian assistance operation exercise. The team provides an expeditionary means of resupply in high-risk environments where vehicle supply lines cannot reach and aerial landing is not possible. Photo by Lance Cpl. Claudia Palacios



Marines with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, train with the shoulder-launched multipurpose assault weapon during platoon-sized attacks on objectives at Range 410A on Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Training Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., Sept. 7. Photo by Cpl. William J. Jackson

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The 67 Marines, sailors, soldiers and service members' spouses and children pose together after becoming U.S. citizens during a naturalization ceremony at the Camp Foster Theater Sept. 9.

Photo by Pfc. Mike Granahan

## Group becomes US citizens during ceremony

**Pfc. Mike Granahan**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP FOSTER — South Africa, India, Russia and Vietnam were just a few of the countries represented by the 67 military members who became U.S. citizens during a naturalization ceremony at the Camp Foster Theater Sept. 9.

The Marines, sailors, soldiers and service members' spouses and children hailed from more than 30 countries, and ages ranged from 15 to 45, said Staff Sgt. Lauren J. Durand, the quality assurance

staff noncommissioned officer in charge for Installation Personnel Administration Center, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler. Durand helped coordinate the ceremony.

One new citizen said the event gave new meaning to his military service.

"It felt pretty amazing finally becoming a citizen, knowing that I'm now fighting for my official new home," said Pfc. Mikel Schaub, an administrative specialist with IPAC. Schaub lived in Germany until he was 11 years old.

During the ceremony, those

becoming naturalized citizens made their way on stage one by one to receive certificates and small American flags from Raymond F. Greene, the U.S. Consul General in Naha and guest speaker for the event.

Even several days after the ceremony, becoming a citizen is still sinking in, said Cpl. Gregory Lindor, a supply administration chief with III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF.

Lindor, who lived in Haiti until he was 6, said this has definitely created more opportunities for him.

Just serving in the military opened a lot of doors, especially with the naturalization process, said Schaub.

Immigration laws mandate those seeking to become U.S. citizens must live in the U.S. for five years. But, for those serving in the armed forces, that time requirement decreases to one year, according to the U.S. Citizenship and Naturalization website.

"The military did really help out. Besides the fact that it was free, the process was real easy and smooth," said Schaub.

## Volunteers help beautify base, local community

**Lance Cpl. Tyler C. Vernaza**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP KINSER — Nearly 80 Marines with Motor Transport Maintenance Company picked up trash around the perimeter of Camp Kinser Sept. 9.

Most of MTM Co., 3rd Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, was engaged with the project to clean up the area outside the fence surrounding Camp Kinser. The goal was to ensure the camp looks its best for the annual Kinser Festival scheduled for Sept. 17-18.

"We are cleaning up the trash around the fence that was blown around from the last typhoon," said Capt. Michael Wimmer, commanding officer of MTM Co.

"There is no one designated to pick up the trash around base, so we volunteered for the cleanup," Wimmer added.

Wimmer also said the trash cleanup gave the Marines an opportunity to give back to the local community while maintaining the camp's high standard of military appearance.

"Not only does it make the base look good,



Marines with Motor Transport Maintenance Company, 3rd Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, pick up trash along the fence surrounding Camp Kinser Sept. 9. The Marines with MTM Co. are often involved with the local Okinawan community, even teaching English at a local middle school. Photo by Lance Cpl. Tyler C. Vernaza

but it reflects well on us that we care about the environment and the surrounding community," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Hensley, company gunnery sergeant for MTM Co.

Picking up trash is just one way to help maintain good relations with the local community, Hensley said.

The Marines with MTM Co. often volunteer

during off-duty hours, investing their time to better themselves and others, Hensley added.

"We have many Marines that volunteer at a local middle school, helping Okinawan students engage in conversational English," said Hensley.

The Marines gathered more than 60 bags of garbage during the cleanup, doing a good deed for personnel on both sides of the fence.



**BRIEFS****LINKS FOR COUPLES WORKSHOP**

Join the Marine Corps Family Team Building for Lifestyle, Insights, Networking, Knowledge, Skills for Couples workshop Sept. 24 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ocean Breeze on Camp Foster.

Attendees will discuss the military lifestyle with experienced military couples who will share valuable tips on achieving and maintaining a successful mission-based marriage in a comfortable, rank-free environment.

Registration is required on a first-come, first-served basis. Childcare is also offered on a space-available basis.

For more information, call 645-3698 or visit [www.mccsokinawa.com/mcftb](http://www.mccsokinawa.com/mcftb).

**USNH PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING**

The U. S. Naval Hospital Okinawa will hold a free prostate cancer screening clinic Sept. 22, from 1-7 p.m. at the USNH Urology Clinic on Camp Lester.

The event is open to any male over the age of 40 eligible for care at military health care facilities in Okinawa.

Patients must undergo a blood test for Prostate Specific Antigen before the screening.

No appointment is necessary and the clinic is free for patients.

To participate in the screening clinic:

1. Call 643-7360 or 643-7552 to request the PSA blood test.
2. Have blood drawn at the hospital laboratory prior to the clinic.
3. Attend the clinic Sept. 22 to get the exam and obtain the PSA results.

**OKINAWA VETERINARY TREATMENT FACILITY CLOSURE**

From Sept. 26-30, the Okinawa Veterinary Treatment Facility will be closed. During this time, facility veterinarians will not be able to see animals or refill medications.

Visit [www.kadenaforcesupport.com/vetweb](http://www.kadenaforcesupport.com/vetweb) for information about off-base clinics.

PCS Health Certificates will still be processed Monday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to noon by appointment only. A copy of PCS orders is required.

**OFFICER CAREER-LEVEL PROGRAMS APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Marine Administrative Message 488/11, released Aug. 24, announced the fiscal year 2012 Commandant's Career-Level Education Board.

This board governs selection to career-level schools and programs, including Expeditionary Warfare School, the Olmsted Scholar Program, Congressional Fellowship Program, International Affairs Officer Program and funded and non-funded advanced degree programs. Applications can be found at [www.manpower.usmc.mil/education](http://www.manpower.usmc.mil/education) and must be submitted to the board by Sept. 26.

All officers scheduled to execute permanent change of station orders or permanent change of assignment orders before Oct. 30, 2012 are eligible.

For more information, access the MARADMIN on [www.marines.mil](http://www.marines.mil).

**TO SUBMIT A BRIEF**, send an e-mail to [okinawamarine.mcbb.fct@usmc.mil](mailto:okinawamarine.mcbb.fct@usmc.mil), or fax your request to 645-3803. The deadline for submitting a brief is noon Friday. Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit all submitted material.

# Americans, Okinawans share local tradition

**Lance Cpl. Erik S. Brooks Jr.**

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA — Moonlight, sushi and camaraderie were the focus at the Habu Pit here the evening of Sept. 9.

Marines joined with Ginowan City community members to celebrate the Japanese tradition of moon watching.

The party, sponsored by the Ginowan City Society of Commerce and Industry, was to celebrate the full moon during the moon-viewing season — an event the society has sponsored for the past eight years. The Japanese typically celebrate this event in September when the weather outside is the most comfortable to view the moon.

The GCSCI invited the officials of MCAS Futenma to share their traditions with them, said Lt. Col. Ian S. Wallace, executive officer of MCAS Futenma.

The event was a good way to strengthen friendships between the base and surrounding community, according to Col. James G. Flynn, commanding officer of MCAS Futenma.

"There is much we have in common; we must use this to come together," Flynn told those gathered for the event.

As part of the celebration, sushi chefs carved up a 150-pound tuna caught earlier that day. The crowd gathered as the chefs carved the fresh fish and put it directly on plates for guests to eat.

"Eating sushi is a greatly honored tradition of the Japanese,"



**Sushi chefs from Ginowan City prepare a freshly caught, 150-pound tuna for the guests of the Ginowan City moon-viewing sushi party at the Habu Pit on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Sept. 9. The party was hosted by the Ginowan City Society of Commerce and Industry for the annual moon viewing season.**

Photo by Lance Cpl. Erik S. Brooks Jr.

said Masanobu Nonaka, secretary general of GCSCI. "Bringing our traditions together with Americans brings our cultures together."

Nonaka agreed that events such as this strengthen the bonds between Americans and Japanese.

"The Americans have started to incorporate our traditions, building our friendship," Nonaka said. "Connecting through food is a great way to connect."

The purpose of the event was to view the full moon, said Elena Takaho, a community relations specialist on MCAS Futenma.

Moon watching is another time-honored tradition for the Japanese, said Nonaka.

After the dinner, guests played bingo with prizes presented by the chairman of the GCSCI.

"When we invite the local community onto our base with these fun events, we like to show them MCAS Futenma is a great place," said Sgt. Maj. Brent L. Cook, sergeant major of MCAS Futenma.

These events give a lasting impression to everyone involved, Cook said.

Nonaka said he hopes the memories Americans create at cultural events such as this are remembered for a lifetime and create a lasting bond with Japan.

"I hope that when the Americans go back to the states they treasure these memories," Nonaka said. "I have never forgotten the people I have encountered all over the world. My only hope is that when they do return to the states, being here gives them a different point of view on the world."

## Event promotes community, volunteerism

**Carlos A. Davila**

RETIRED NAVY CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER

CAMP FOSTER — More than 600 service members, their families, DoD employees and guests participated in the first "Laboring in the Vineyard Combined Fellowship" on Camp Foster Sept. 3.

Marine Corps Base Camp Butler and Kadena Air Base religious ministries teams and churches from the local community sponsored a Labor Day celebration.

Participants were treated to a day of fun and fellowship, which included softball, bouncy houses for the kids, football, kickball, tug-o-war, a dunk tank and American foods.

"The purpose of this event was to build the faith community amongst all the military chapels with the civilian communities of faith," said Navy Capt. Brenda BradleyDavila, the MCB Camp Butler chaplain. "We hope to do it again next year."

"The occasion served a secondary but very important concept within any community of faith, that of volunteerism, said BradleyDavila. This event could not have taken place without the commitment and selfless dedication of many individuals from Marine Corps and Air Force commands' chapels in Kadena, Camp Smedley D. Butler and leaders from

various civilian community churches."

"It was such a wonderful, relaxing and beautiful day," said Jessica Stoltzfus, a participant and spouse of Air Force Tech. Sgt. Justin Stoltzfus, the lead volunteer coordinator for the event. "We met new people and made new friends. I am already looking forward to next year."

The Okinawa Gospel Community Choir and choirs from Calvary Baptist, United and Kadena Chapel 3 performed at the fellowship. The Kadena Youth Praise Team, CJ and SonRize Productions represented the younger generation. Other participants in the event were Greater Friendly, Agape and Koza Baptist.

"(Marines, sailors and their families) came out in the hundreds ... and graced the vineyard camp in games, food, fun and entertainment," said Jada Brown, lead event coordinator. "Everyone just came together with one focus, one purpose, one goal and that was to reach out in love to the community."

"The success of this event was marked by the cooperative effort of military chapels and civilian churches with a common desire to be of service," said BradleyDavila. "No one was excluded from the fellowship, fun and friendship. It could not have taken place without the commitment of over 50 Marines, sailors and airmen who served as volunteers."



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disaster, something we've never seen before. We were out the door in 18 hours moving supplies, personnel and equipment up north," said Glueck.

Through Operation Tomadachi, III MEF showed it is a force in readiness able to respond to any threat in its area of responsibility, he said.

"It shows that the training that we're doing out here really works," said Glueck.

This same training will be valuable to other units in the Marine Corps, which coincides with the commandant's priorities, he said.

This means resuming the unit deployment program on Okinawa, allowing infantry units to rotate through for training, he said.

"The faster that we can work together to put together those plans to get our (Marine Air-Ground Task Forces) put back together out here, get our battalions back out here, get our squadrons back out here ... the better off we are going to be," Glueck said.

Okinawa is a great location and platform for training throughout the region.

"I think we've made some great progress," Glueck said. "We have nearly 70 exercises that we're working on an annual basis right now. The last nine months have been extremely busy."

At the conference, subject matter experts presented topics for the senior leaders to discuss, including the "Beating the Blues" program, alcohol-abuse prevention, sexual-assault prevention and changes to the liberty campaign plan.

The "Beating the Blues" program, which begins just before the holiday season, is designed to educate Marines about issues people commonly deal with during the holidays.

"We want to reach out to the Marines throughout the holiday season and give them activities that will prevent the 'Blues' they may be feeling," said Bill Linnehan, Marine Corps Community Service's chief for Marine and Family Services.

During the alcohol-abuse presentation, the expert discussed sending the right message to Marines and sailors about the use of alcohol and proposed questions and solutions to the senior leaders of III MEF.

"How can we get the Marines comfortable with talking about things like this?" asked Rachel DiStefano, suicide prevention specialist with the MCCS Counseling and Advocacy Program.

DiStefano proposed new ways to try and get Marines involved and comfortable with not only identifying problems but also reporting them if they occur.

The combat-operational stress presentation talked about preventing, identifying and treating mental injuries and stress of Marines and sailors, and ensuring troops suffering from combat-operational stress are given the same attention as physical injuries.

During the conference, III MEF senior leaders also talked about the new liberty campaign.

The new liberty campaign provides an opportunity for outstanding lance corporals to receive a gold card and empowers noncommissioned officers and petty officers to take charge and help reduce misconduct throughout the island, explained Brig. Gen. Craig Q Timberlake, deputy commanding general, III MEF and commanding general 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, III MEF.

III MEF/MCBJ senior leaders left the conference ready to forge ahead with III MEF's responsibilities in the Asia-Pacific region and ensure Marines and sailors remain safe and ready to deploy at a moment's notice.

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anniversary commemoration of Operation Sea Angel by Marines with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III MEF, and MWSS-472, MWSG-47, 4th MAW, Marine Forces Reserve, based in Chicopee, Mass.

In the coming weeks, MWSS-172 Marines will be building the walls and ceiling, painting and running new electrical wiring through the school, said Sgt. Ross Fuller, a combat engineer with EOPS Co. and the ENCAP site foreman.

The Marines from EOPS Co. are skilled in all aspects of construction needed to accomplish this mission. EOPS Co. does face some challenges, but nothing they will not be able to overcome, Fuller said.

"We've never worked with the Bangladesh military, and there is definitely a difference in the way we both do things," Fuller said. "There may be a little bit of a language barrier. There are also some Marines who haven't done this kind of construction work. Getting everyone to work together will be a little tough, but once we get a flow going I am confident we will be able to finish the job well and on time."

Sgt. Samuel Holthouser, another combat engineer with EOPS Co., will be shadowing Fuller during the ENCAP. Holthouser said he came from 9th ESB, so his experience with this kind of construction is fairly new.

"Being in Bangladesh and this as my first ENCAP should make things very interesting,"

said Holthouser. "I'll be learning how to do things with concrete and bricklaying and also learning the ropes of the foreman's duties from Sgt. Fuller."

Rain poses the most significant challenge, with the potential of halting work, said Fuller.

That just means the Marines will have to get as much done as possible on the nice days, he added.

"The Bangladeshi Army has been very welcoming and accommodating, and the Marines are excited to start the project," said Fuller. "This is the first time these Marines have been to Bangladesh, and that makes the experience even more rewarding."

The ENCAP is expected to be completed in early October.



**Marines with Engineer Operations Company, Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and soldiers with the Bangladesh Armed Forces clean up broken bricks and water on the second floor of a school Sept. 10 in Chittagong, Bangladesh. Photo by Sgt. Megan Angel**

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1050.7A Liberty Campaign Order Sept. 1, which has introduced a number of changes.

One of those changes is the requirement for Marines and sailors stationed here to attend Okinawa cultural awareness training.

The OCAT has been implemented for Marines and sailors to develop a better understanding of their host nation, said Dr. Robert Eldridge, deputy assistant chief of staff with G-5 Community, Plans and Liaison, MCBJ. The three-part course will provide Marines with a foundation of knowledge about Okinawa.

Some of OCAT's objectives include:

- Learning the history, culture, customs and language of Okinawa and Japan.
- Appreciating Okinawa's history and culture.
- Understanding how Okinawa's history and culture affect the attitudes and behavior of our Okinawan neighbors.
- Finding ways to improve and deepen the mutually beneficial relationships between the Navy and Marine Corps and Okinawa and Japan.

"The OCAT is designed to make the 'strategic corporal' even smarter and help make Marines and sailors better allies," said Eldridge. "It will also help them to overcome cultural gaps and misunderstandings and explain why behaviors

get certain reactions. We wanted to create a course for Marines and sailors of any age and rank to benefit from."

OCAT will be required on an annual basis for all MCBJ and III MEF Marines and sailors regardless of rank or liberty-card status.

No liberty card will be issued until completion of the Newcomer's Orientation Welcome Aboard Seminar and the Standards of Conduct class. Additionally, the order states all MCBJ and III MEF uniformed personnel are required to complete OCAT prior to receiving a liberty card.

All newcomers, regardless of rank and to include family members, are not allowed unaccompanied, off-base liberty without their sponsor until receiving the NOWA Seminar and Standards of Conduct class.

"We want to ensure everyone who enjoys the privilege of liberty does so with respect for the Okinawan culture," said Glueck. "It is our duty to conduct ourselves in a professional manner at all times."

The MCBJ/III MEF Order 1050.7A Liberty Campaign Order can be accessed with a current common access card online at the Camp Butler adjutant SharePoint homepage at <https://wss.mcbbutler.nmci.mil/G1/Adjutant/default.aspx>. Look under "Announcements" for a link to the Liberty Campaign Order.



# CLB-31 trains for mass-casualty

Story and photos by Capt. Caleb D. Eames  
31st MEU

The sound of helicopter blades slicing through the air filled the open meadow as CH-46 helicopters with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265 (Reinforced), 31st MEU, dropped wave after wave of Marines and sailors on the ground. Then, they rushed to their assigned tasks to rescue as many mock casualties as possible.

Marines and sailors with Combat Logistics Battalion 31, supported by Marines of Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, both with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, were conducting a "Nightingale mission" in the Central Training Area Aug. 31.

"Nightingale," which refers to the renowned battlefield nurse, Florence Nightingale, is the call-sign for the mass-casualty response team.

"The nightingale mission is a specific skill set of the CLB," said 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Harrington, mission commander, CLB-31. "We have very capable medical assets with our battalion for such a purpose, and we are training for an event where mass casualties might need to be evacuated."

The training for the 43 Marines and sailors was held in preparation for CLB-31's deployment to the Asia-Pacific region with the 31st MEU. When not attached to the 31st MEU, CLB-31 is part of Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

"So far, so good," said Harrington. "This is the first day of implementing everything, and the Marines are very motivated. The planning has been pretty detailed, and we've increased the numbers of casualties and people on the team, which makes it more challenging."

One of the focuses of the training was maintaining positive communications despite a very complex, noisy environment, said Harrington.

"Exercising the intercommunication and integration between the security force on the ground, the initial response team and mass-casualty team is important," said Maj. Foster Ferguson, CLB-31 executive officer. "It is key to making this run as smoothly as possible in order to save lives."

The first Marines on the ground were from Kilo Battery, BLT 2nd Bn., 7th Marines, and they provided security around the scene of a mock mortar attack.

Next to arrive was an initial medical team that assisted by triaging and determining which patients required evacuation.

Finally, the mass-casualty response

team, along with U.S. Navy doctors, arrived to treat the patients and get them appropriate care as quickly as possible.

Marty Klotz, the II MEF Special Operations Training Group stability officer, was on hand to assist with training and offer advice.

III MEF SOTG coordinated Klotz's presence at the drill to have an expert on mass-casualty situations lead the training, said Lt. Col. William Arick, commanding officer, CLB-31.

"The mass casualty situation has been a MEU-certification requirement since the bombing in Beirut," said Klotz. "The scenario for today's event was that a unit was patrolling and was intermingled with civilians when they were hit by several mortars. So we have a mixture of civilian casualties and military casualties to deal with."

"They have to decide how to best deal with situations such as that," he explained.

It is important to plan for the transport and care of local nationals along with members of your own unit, Klotz pointed out. It is not as easy as just deciding to evacuate everyone.

"There is a lot of talent and a lot of good leadership here," said Klotz. "To be good at anything, you have to practice. So that is what they are working on today. They are right where they need to be."

A mass-casualty response is designed to deal with 50 or more casualties, which requires good teamwork. For this exercise, CLB-31 teamed up with BLT 2nd Bn., 7th Marines, to secure the site.

"This is good training, good for the CLB to get out here," said Cpl. James Ramirez, a team leader with Kilo Battery, BLT 2nd Bn., 7th Marines. "It looks like they are doing good and getting the casualties out of here in a timely manner. The team is very professional, and this is good practice."

This is realistic training, as Marines in years past have encountered these types of situations, Klotz said.

"We are trying to teach them how to deal with a situation with a whole lot of casualties, such as an embassy bombing or the Beirut attack," said Klotz. "It is one of those capabilities that you want to have ready to go, but you hope you never have to use."

A mass-casualty event could happen in any scenario, from a combat situation to humanitarian assistance to even a community relations event.

"The most important part of this training is you need people to act calmly in a really chaotic scenario," said Harrington. "No matter how much you train, it is going to be chaotic. We have been working on communication, understanding and working

with each other to overcome that."

The Marines and sailors of CLB-31 and BLT 2nd Bn., 7th Marines, got the mission accomplished, and at the end of the training all the casualties had successfully been aided and evacuated.

"I never was involved with a mass-casualty drill before, so this is good training," said Seaman Korie Gaumer, hospitalman with CLB-31.

"Untrained people run around all chaotic, so to have a plan and be organized makes things much smoother," Gaumer said. "I am hoping that something this bad would never really happen, but I am glad to know that we are ready if it did. We are training for the worst but hoping for the best."



A CH-46 helicopter from HMM-265 (Reinforced) drops a wave of Marines and sailors with CLB-31, at the scene of a mock mortar attack.





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265 (Rein.), 31st MEU, arrives with Marines and  
e of a mass-casualty exercise in the CTA Aug. 31.



Marines and sailors of CLB-31 and Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, both with the  
31st MEU, rush mock patients to a waiting CH-46 helicopter of HMM-265 (Rein.), 31st MEU, during a mass-casualty  
exercise in the CTA Aug. 31.



A sailor with Combat Logistics Battalion 31,  
31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, attends to a  
mock injured Marine while a CH-46 helicopter  
of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265  
(Reinforced), 31st MEU, waits during a mass-  
casualty exercise in the Central Training Area  
Aug. 31. The training was held in preparation  
for the 31st MEU's deployment in  
the Asia-Pacific region.



# Decade-old tragedy still unites

## Service members, families gather for remembrance

*On Sept. 11, 2001, 19 terrorists executed deadly attacks that took the lives of nearly 3,000 U.S. citizens. A decade later, those killed by the attacks are still remembered.*

**Cpl. Aaron Hostutler**

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Remembrance ceremonies were held on several military installations on Okinawa in the days leading up to and following Sept. 11 to remember and commemorate those who lost their lives, as well as those who have fought and are still fighting the War on Terror ignited by the actions of that day.

Retired Army Col. Raymond Robinson Jr., who was working in the Pentagon the day of the attacks, spoke about that battle when he addressed attendees at a ceremony at the flagpole in front of building 1 on Camp Foster Sept. 9.

"The world as we know it changed on 9/11. It will never be the same," Robinson said. "We saw our country rise and come together on a united front to begin a long fight against a terrible and merciless adversary. We must be thankful for the dedicated service of all our outstanding men and women of the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Army, the Air Force and the Coast Guard."

There has been success in Iraq and good progress in Afghanistan, he said.

"Unfortunately, as in all wars, it has come at great cost in loss of life," Robinson said. "These great American service members who have paid the ultimate price must never be forgotten."

Another 9/11 remembrance event was the 10th



**Gunnery Sgt. Shannon Farquhar, the enlisted conductor with the III Marine Expeditionary Force Band, directs the musicians as well as choir students from Kadena High School during the 10th Annual Patriot Day Ceremony held at the Keystone Theater on Kadena Air Base Sept. 11.**

Photo by Lance Cpl. Michael Iams

Annual Patriot Day Ceremony held Sept. 11 at the Keystone Theater on Kadena Air Base where the III Marine Expeditionary Force Band and the Kadena High School choir performed.

"As far as 9/11 goes, and for us coming together as a nation, this is just a small portion of Americans coming together to show that we are still united and that we are still pressing forward," said Sgt. Joshua Crissey, an euphonium player with the III MEF Band.

Col. James G. Flynn, commanding officer of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, also spoke about the effects of 9/11 during a remembrance ceremony on the air station Sept. 11.

"The fact is that we will forever be linked to 9/11," said Flynn. "As saddened and as angry as we may be as a result of what happened that day, there is hope for a better America and a better world."

Michael Lacey, a performer in several ceremonies, also had a personal tie with the attacks of that day.

Lacey, with G-3, Operations and Training, Marine Corps Bases Japan, played the bagpipes for the ceremonies on Camp Foster and Kadena Air Base. Lacey, a former fire chief who comes from a long line of New York City firemen, recalled the concern he had for his brother-in-law who was serving as a fireman in Manhattan on 9/11.

"I wondered if he was working," Lacey said. "I imagined the panic in the family."

Lacey's relative survived the attack, but many first responders paid the ultimate price trying to save as many as they could.

"While America must move forward and complete the final stage of the grieving process, the first-responder community must carry the torch of remembrance and recommit itself each and every day to honor those



**Michael Lacey, a former firefighter, plays the bagpipes during a 9/11 remembrance ceremony Sept. 9 at the flagpole at building 1 Camp Foster. For Lacey, who comes from a long line of New York City firefighters, playing at the ceremony was an honor.**

Photo by Cpl. Aaron Hostutler

that have gone before us by our actions in work and in life," Lacey said after the ceremony on Kadena.

In addition to the duty of first responders, Lacey spoke of the will of America and how it may have been shaken by the events on 9/11, but it was not broken.

"Americans must remember that since the birth of this great nation we have, from time to time, suffered great loss only to rise up from the ashes, stronger, filled with purpose," Lacey said.

"Our course set, we are resolute in our intent to continue to be the standard bearers for the freedoms that we cherish," he said. "Our first responders, men and women of the armed forces and the citizens of this great nation shall stand together supported by the thought that the losses of those that have gone before us in the name of freedom and democracy were not in vain."

Whether it was the bagpipes, the remarks, prayers or the somber tone of the bugler, attendees were touched by the ceremonies, and those that lost their lives were remembered.

**Marines, American civilians and local community members came to the flagpole at building 1 on Camp Foster for a 9/11 remembrance ceremony Sept. 9. The ceremony included remarks from Retired Army Col. Raymond Robinson, who was in the Pentagon when it was attacked, three prayers for the fallen and their families and a bagpipe performance.**

Photo by Cpl. Aaron Hostutler



# Marines volunteer at local nursing home

**Lance Cpl. Tyler C. Vernaza**

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

For almost two decades, Marines and sailors with 7th Communication Battalion have volunteered their time and energy at Hikarigaoka Nursing Home in Kin-Cho. From sweeping the parking lots, to mowing the grass or just spending the holidays with the residents of the nursing home, the service members have made a lasting impression on their local community.

That tradition of service was revisited Sept. 8 when Marines and sailors with 7th Comm. Bn., III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF, spent the morning cutting weeds and beautifying the surrounding grounds of the nursing home.



**Marines with 7th Communication Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF, remove overgrown grass and weeds from the grounds surrounding the Hikarigaoka Nursing Home Sept. 8.** Photo by Lance Cpl. Tyler C. Vernaza

"Marines with 7th Comm. Bn. have helped maintain the grounds at Hikarigaoka Nursing Home for over 16 years," said Sachio Shimabukuro, manager of Hikarigaoka Nursing Home.

The battalion's volunteer efforts have included more

than just manual labor. In fact, their participation with the nursing home has involved celebrating with them too.

"Most of the work the Marines do is outside like window cleaning and yard work, but the Marines have a great relationship

with us," said Shimabukuro. "During our annual Hikarigaoka Nursing Home festival, the Marines bring food and we put on a show."

During the holiday months, the Marines have also hosted parties and karaoke nights with the residents of the home and participated in annual traditional Okinawan festivals. At many of these events, the Marines serve food to the home's residents, as well as sing and dance with them.

It means a lot to the elders that the Marines come to visit and are very respectful, added Shimabukuro.

"The Hikarigaoka Nursing Home is home to about 74 residents, recognized by the community as people who cannot live by themselves," said Shimabukuro.

The residents living there are assisted with day-to-day

activities like eating, bathing and exercise and do not see much of the outside. So, they are always happy to see the service members and the service members do a very good job of helping out when they can, Shimabukuro said.

"It's a great opportunity to give back to the community, and we always feel better for doing it," said Seaman Chris Burgess, religious program specialist with 7th Comm. Bn. "It's definitely a morale booster for us, getting to help out someone else, and they're always really happy to have us."

Twice monthly, the Marines and sailors of 7th Comm. Bn. can be found at the Hikarigaoka Nursing Home sharing fellowship and keeping the gardens around the nursing home beautiful.

## III MEF, JGSDF bands communicate, prepare through music

**Lance Cpl. Matthew J. Manning**

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Commotion filled the auditorium as Marines and members of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force attempted to communicate with one another despite the obvious language challenges. Then, a band officer signaled for everyone to take their places on the stage, and the commotion died as the Marines and JGSDF began to communicate through the international language of music Sept. 8.

III Marine Expeditionary Force Band and the JGSDF's 15th Band, stationed at Camp Naha, met at the Camp Foster theater to practice for the 16th Annual Friendship Through Music Concert scheduled for Sept. 17.

This combined practice is the first of two the bands will conduct before they perform at the concert to be held at the Okinawa Civic Center.

"The concert is meant to convey to the people of Okinawa, as well as the Americans, that we are a team, and this is an effort of both sides, and we are glad to be partners," said Chief Warrant Officer Steve B. Giove, band officer, III MEF Band. "It is a popular event. The turnout to the concert in past years has been overwhelming."

According to Giove, members of both bands have always enjoyed the opportunity to play music with each other.

"It is great to see the Marines perform and work with the Japanese," said Lance Cpl. Sarah Mayer, a trumpet player with the III MEF Band. "After all the training, it is neat to see them in action and to be able to put together a concert."

This combined practice occurred on Mayer's first day with the III MEF Band.

"I never thought I would get the opportunity to come to Japan and work with (the Japanese) like this," said Mayer. "It is a great opportunity to get to play with them, learn their culture and other little things they might do differently."



**Musicians with the III Marine Expeditionary Force Band and the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's 15th Band practice together at the theater on Camp Foster Sept. 8. The practice was conducted to prepare for the 16th Annual Friendship Through Music Concert scheduled for Sept. 17 at the Okinawa Civic Center.**

Photo by Lance Cpl. Matthew J. Manning

Members of the 15th Band said they are excited to perform once again with the III MEF Band.

"When I heard that we were performing this concert, I was very excited for the chance to play with the III MEF Band again," said Leading Pvt. Yukari Morimitsu, a clarinet player with the 15th Band. "I have been in the band for two years, and this will be my second time playing in this concert."

While working together, musicians from both bands shared their knowledge of music and techniques with each other.

"Something I have learned from playing with them is how little things like blend and balance, as well as duration of notes, can really make or break a band," said Mayer. "One thing I think helps the 15th Band play really well is the fact

that they have been playing with each other for so long. They know exactly what their music is going to sound like and who is going to play what parts."

Members from both bands said they are looking forward to performing with each other at the upcoming concert.

"Since the two bands are from different countries and cultures, each band is different but in a good way," said Morimitsu. "The III MEF Band is very young and energetic, while (the members of the 15th Band) have been together for a much longer time. This shows when the bands perform, but when both bands combine we are able to take the different strong points from each band, play good music, and deliver that to the people who come to the concert."





2nd Lt. Cliff S. Cardwell, a police officer with Military Police Company, gives Marines a safety brief prior to conducting live-fire training at Range 7 in the Central Training Area Sept. 1. MP Co. is part of Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

## MPs improve light-infantry warfighting skills

Story and photos by  
Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr.

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

In the hot, humid afternoon hours of Sept. 1, with the sun beaming through the sky, Humvees with mounted M240B machine guns and M249 squad automatic weapons were positioned to fire rounds on Range 7 in the Central Training Area.

The Marines of Military Police Company, Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, were

on Range 7 for live-fire training with weapons systems valuable to the Marine Corps' light-infantry fighting methods.

The training the 46 Marines received focused on the small-unit leadership needed in a combat environment, said Capt. Michael A. Sickels, commander of MP Co.

The training was a refresher for some of the company's Marines and an enhancement for Marines new to the company.

"It's been a while since they've been able to come out here and shoot, and a lot of them just came

out of the schoolhouse," said Sgt. Jason A. Lichtefeld, a military policeman with MP Co.

The main goal of training was getting the Marines comfortable with the weapons systems and the new machine gun day optic that mounts on the M240B machine gun, which has been fielded for use in combat in Afghanistan, added Lichtefeld. The MDO is intended to aid machine gunners in target detection, recognition and identification.

One of MP Co.'s missions is to support units deployed to combat

zones, making sustained combat readiness extremely important, Sickels said.

"They are out there supporting various units in Afghanistan and in the Philippines," Sickels added.

The Marines have to be trained and capable of performing their mission in any environment, and sometimes that mission requires employing crew-served weapons, he said.

The Marines fired the crew-served weapons at targets ranging from 300 to 500 meters away.

Each Marine fired at least 200 rounds for each weapon system. Once Marines received their ammunition, they were ready to sight in, assume a prone position or jump in a turret and put rounds down range.

"The Marines stepped up. They were loud; they were motivated," said Lichtefeld. "The Marines came up there (to the firing point) ready to engage targets, doing all they (could) and being as loud as possible."

"They were all eager to learn," added Sickels. "These Marines were like a sponge. They're taking the knowledge that's being shared with them from Marines that have been deployed."

"This was pretty important, especially for what we'll be doing in Afghanistan with convoys and patrols," said Lance Cpl. Jared B. Charles, a military policeman with MP Co. "It's not every day on Okinawa we get to come out here and shoot."



Lance Cpl. Bryant Davis, a military policeman with MP Co., fires the M240B machine gun with the machine gun day optic attached during live-fire training on Range 7 in the Central Training Area Sept. 1.



# In Theaters Now

**SEPTEMBER 16 - 22**
**FOSTER**

**TODAY** Fright Night (R), 6 and 9 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Zookeeper (PG), noon and 3 p.m.;  
 Fright Night (R), 6 and 9 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Zookeeper (PG), 1 p.m.; Fright Night (R),  
 4 p.m.; Bucky Larson: Born To Be a Star (R), 7 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Fright Night (R), 7 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** Bad Teacher (R), 7 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** Horrible Bosses (R), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Bucky Larson: Born To Be a Star (R),  
 7 p.m.

**FUTENMA**

**TODAY** Horrible Bosses (R), 6:30 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Bucky Larson: Born To Be a Star (R), 4  
 and 7 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Larry Crowne (PG13), 4 p.m.; Horrible  
 Bosses (R), 7 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Colombiana (PG13), 6:30 p.m.  
**TUESDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

**KADENA**

**TODAY** Zookeeper (PG), 6 p.m.; Harry Potter and  
 the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG13), 9 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Zookeeper (PG), noon, 3 and 6 p.m.;  
 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2  
 (PG13), 9 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Zookeeper (PG), 1 and 4 p.m.; Harry Pot-  
 ter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Zookeeper (PG), 7 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** Colombiana (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** Colombiana (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Zookeeper (PG), 7 p.m.

**COURTNEY**

**TODAY** Bucky Larson: Born To Be a Star (R), 6 and  
 9 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Larry Crowne (PG13), 2 p.m.; Horrible  
 Bosses (R), 6 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Colombiana (PG13), 2 and 6 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Larry Crowne (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** Closed  
**WEDNESDAY** Transformers: Dark of the Moon  
 (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Closed

**KINSER**

**TODAY** Zookeeper (PG), 6:30 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Zookeeper (PG), 3 p.m.; Harry Potter  
 and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG13), 6:30 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows -  
 Part 2 (PG13), 3 p.m.; Zookeeper (PG), 6:30 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Closed  
**TUESDAY** Closed  
**WEDNESDAY** Bucky Larson: Born To Be a Star (R),  
 3 and 6:30 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Colombiana (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

**HANSEN**

**TODAY** Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part  
 2 (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Colombiana (R), 6 and 9 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Zookeeper (PG), 2 p.m.; Harry Potter and  
 the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG13), 5:30 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Bucky Larson: Born To Be a Star (R), 6  
 and 9 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** Bucky Larson: Born To Be a Star (R), 7  
 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** Harry Potter and the Deathly Hal-  
 lows - Part 2 (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Thor (PG13), 7 p.m.

**SCHWAB**

**TODAY** Colombiana (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Larry Crowne (PG13), 5 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Horrible Bosses (R), 5 p.m.  
**MONDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

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## SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

For more information, or  
 to sign up, contact the  
 Single Marine Program at  
 645-3681.

**SMP DISCOVER GOLF**

• Free golf lessons for single Marines and sailors will be offered on the first and third Friday of every month from 9-11 a.m. at Taiyo Golf Course. Participants will meet at the SMP office on Camp Foster by 8 a.m. Lessons are provided on a space-available basis.

**OKINAWA WORLD**

• The SMP program will be traveling to Okinawa World Sept. 24 (southern camps) and Sept. 25 (northern camps) for an adventure through the caves. The Gyokusendo Cave, included on the trip, is the longest cave on Okinawa. The deadline to sign up is Sept. 22.

**SMP COMMERCIAL CONTEST**

• The SMP is looking for a commercial from those participating in SMP Okinawa that depicts the true meaning of what SMP Okinawa means to single Marines and sailors. The winner's commercial may be aired on AFN. The commercials must be 30 seconds to one minute long. The deadline for submission to the SMP office is no later than Oct. 7.

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## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

**CAMP FOSTER | 645-7486**

- Catholic: Sat., 5 p.m., Sun., 10 a.m., Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m.
- Christian Science: Sun., 11 a.m., building 442
- Eastern Orthodox: Sun., 9:30 a.m.; Vespers, Sat., 5 p.m.
- Gospel: Sun., 11:30 a.m.
- Jewish: (Informal) Fri., 6:30 p.m.
- Lutheran DVD Worship: Sun., 4 p.m.
- Muslim: Prayer, Fri., 12:45 p.m.
- Protestant: Sun., 8:30 a.m.
- Seventh Day Adventist: Sat., 9:30 a.m., at Torii Station 644-5701/644-4281

**CAMP SCHWAB | 622-9350**

- Catholic: Thurs., 11:30 a.m.
- Protestant: Sun., 4 p.m.

**MCAS FUTENMA | 636-3058**

- Catholic: Sun., noon
- Contemporary: Fri., 7 p.m.; Sun., 9 a.m.

**CAMP HANSEN | 622-9350**

- Catholic: Sun., 10 a.m., East Chapel
- Protestant: Sun., 11 a.m., West Chapel

**CAMP COURTNEY | 622-9350**

- Catholic: Sun., 8 a.m.
- Protestant: Sun., 11 a.m.

**CAMP McTUREOUS | 622-9350**

- Gospel: Sun., 12:30 p.m.
- Protestant: Sun., 9:30 a.m.

**CAMP LESTER | 643-7248**

- Catholic: Sun., 8 a.m.
- Non-Denominational: Sun., 9 a.m., Hospital Chapel; Sun., 10 a.m., Lester Chapel

**CAMP KINSER | 637-1148**

- Catholic: Sun., noon
- Pentecostal Gospel: Sun., 2 p.m.
- Protestant: Sun., 9:30 a.m.

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- Catholic: Sun., 8:30 a.m., Mass, Chapel 1; Sun., 11:45 a.m., Mass, Chapel 1; Sun., 4 p.m., Mass, Chapel 1; Daily Mass, Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m., Chapel 1; Reconciliation, Sun., 3:15 p.m., Chapel 1
- Contemporary: Sun., 10 a.m., Chapel 1
- Gospel: Sun., 10:30 a.m., Chapel 3
- Protestant Bible Institute: Tues., 6 p.m., Chapel 1
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Japanese phrase of the week:  
 “Genke so desune”  
 (pronounced g-en-ke so des-ne)  
 It means, “It looks like you’re doing well.”

## Off Limits Establishments

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Players with the MASS-2 and MWHS-1 team shake hands following the first game of the 1st MAW Flag Football Tournament held on MCAS Futenma Sept. 12.



# Tournament builds morale

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Matthew J. Manning

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

**1st** Marine Aircraft Wing has seized the initiative, commencing its first flag football tournament. Marines from the MAW battled on the gridiron at the first game of the 1st MAW Flag Football Tournament Sept. 12 between the Marine Air Support Squadron 2 team and Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1 team. The tournament, taking place at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, is limited to units in 1st MAW.

Because the tournament, which began Sept. 12 and runs through Nov. 10, is limited to the one command, players said they are looking forward to the outcome.

"I am looking forward to see how many units we can get in the tournament," said Demarcus D. Mitchell, a free safety and running back for the Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1 team. "This is the first time the MAW has done something like this."

According to Mitchell, participating in a tournament is something fun for a unit to do aside from the normal routine.

"Tournaments like this bring all the units together," said Wilton W. Nisbeth, a wide receiver for the Marine Air Support Squadron 2 team. "You get to interact with units from all over in the games. It is the sportsmanship that brings us all together. It is good for all of us to come out here and do something other than our job by performing as athletes."

The kick-off game for the tournament was held Sept. 12, and the MAW has games scheduled every Monday-Thursday.

"The tournament is a nine-week season," said John C. Bateman, one of the commentators for the 1st MAW Flag Football Tournament. "After that, the top four teams will participate in a double-elimination bracket. We have eight teams playing from all over the MAW, one of which is the 1st MAW Navy team. I am excited to see how they do against all the Marine teams."

According to Nisbeth, even though the tournament is designed to be a fun time for all who come out, the skill level and competitiveness of the players is not lacking.

"There are some good players out here," said Nisbeth. "Our defensive line was able to keep the other team from scoring."

"We have a lot of top notch players, which is good because as a whole, Marines are competitive," he said. "Whenever you are playing sports with Marines it is going to be interesting. It is good to play with Marines. We are willing to do all we can in order to win. It is good to come out and play against real competitors."

Bateman stated that despite the strong desire for victory shared by all who set foot on the field, the will to win does not hinder the players from showing respect and good sportsmanship while playing.

"A lot of times, during a flag football game, you will see players really trying to hit the other team hard," said Bateman. "Tonight was a good game though because we didn't have any of that. Both teams were going for the flags, not for hits."

According to Bateman, anyone who is looking for a game to go watch and to have a little fun during the week, the 1st MAW Flag Football Tournament is a great way to spend some time after hours.

"I plan on coming out to commentate until I leave Okinawa in November," said Bateman. "Even though the game was only an hour and a half, it was an hour and a half of fun and time I would have otherwise spent in the barracks."

For more about the tournament games, call 645-7656.

Eric J. Hansen, right, a wide receiver for the Marine Air Support Squadron 2 team, races the ball up the field as Jonathan Harris, linebacker for the Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1 team, sprints after him during the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Flag Football Tournament held on Marine Corps Aircraft Station Futenma Sept. 12.



Kevin Alleman, quarterback for the MASS-2 team, runs through multiple defenders during the 1st MAW Flag Football Tournament held on MCAS Futenma Sept. 12. The MASS-2 team beat the MWHS-1 team 7-0 in the opening game for the tournament.